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Neenah Man Pleads Guilty to Income Tax Fraud

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced that on December 16th, Keith Kuchenbecker (45 years old), of Neenah, Wisconsin, entered a guilty plea in federal court to failing to pay over to the Internal Revenue Service approximately \$197,000 in payroll taxes that had been withheld from the wages of the employees of his business, Keith Kuchenbecker Construction, Inc., in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7202.

Kuchenbecker appeared before the Honorable William C. Griesbach, U.S. District Judge, in Green Bay. Kuchenbecker faces a maximum possible penalty of up to five years in prison and fines of up to \$250,000, or both. Judge Griesbach has scheduled Kuchenbecker's sentencing for March 16, 2009.

According to documents filed in federal court, Kuchenbecker, who was the president, owner, and operator of Keith Kuchenbecker Construction, was responsible for paying over payroll taxes that had been withheld from the wages of the employees of the business. He was also responsible for filing quarterly payroll tax returns with the IRS. During the period from January 2000 through March 2007, approximately \$206,000 was withheld from the employee wages, none of which was paid over to the IRS. In addition, Kuchenbecker failed to file the required quarterly payroll tax returns during this period. At the same time, the government's investigation identified numerous purchases by Kuchenbecker using corporate funds. These included a Mercedes Benz automobile, a Nissan truck, and airline tickets for trips to the Bahamas.

As part of his plea agreement, Kuchenbecker has agreed to make full restitution to the IRS, which totals approximately \$197,000, as well as for the business's matching share of the payroll taxes, which totals approximately \$91,000.

This matter was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service and assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew L. Jacobs for prosecution.

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